

Tena koutou katoa nga mihi ki te whanau o te Kura o Koputai – greetings to all families of Koputai (Port Chalmers)

Family Picnic and BBQ

The weather wasn't on our side yesterday, and while the drizzle had stopped by 5:30, it was very wet underfoot. We will have this eagerly awaited event in the school calendar next Wednesday at 5:45 pm. I am looking forward to seeing you all. Bring your picnic and a rug to sit on. The school BBQ will be warmed up to cook your food if you would like to use it.



Goal Setting Conferences

We are using a new booking system for our goal setting conferences which will be held on Tuesday 13th and Thursday the 15th of February. We are using the following website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz. Once there you will need to enter the following code: RX9GA which will take you to the Port Chalmers School conferences. You are able to book in your times with teachers there. If you are not able to access the internet then return the form included with today's newsletter and we will book your times in and then let you know what they are. I am happy to have some laptops available after school next week in the office area if you would like to use them to book your times. A number of schools are using this system and families are pleased to choose the times that suit them.

Reading Rocks

We were entertained yesterday afternoon by Adriane a juggler and performer from Christchurch with a message that Reading Rocks. He juggled, told stories and rode a unicycle (although he called it a "lunacycle", because you have to be a lunatic to ride one!). He challenged all children to read every day as this was the key to unlocking their world. I have included a photo to show you how much fun we all had.

Tuesday Lunch Helper

We are looking for a helper to collate our lunch orders on a Tuesday morning. It would involve being at school at about 9:00 and getting the orders sorted to be either dropped off at New World or faxed to them. Please see Christine or Vicki if you can help with this task.

Physical Education Research Project: Perception of action possibilities in children

We have some researchers from the PE School at the University working with us in February who is keen to involve the children in an interesting project. The question that they are trying to answer is how well does your child know his/her own action boundaries. The task is a very simple and safe activity (standing jump) that is part of a fun and educational game that the children will love. The children will also be asked to watch other children that they don't know on video and see how well they can judge another child's action boundaries. The research will only take 10 minutes per child and we are confident that the children will take a lot from being involved. Information sheets are attached to this newsletter. Please return consent forms by tomorrow.

Swimming

There has been some talk in the media lately about the lack of swimming taught at schools. At Port Chalmers School we teach swimming in Terms 1 and 4 for all students. Our results at Year 8 show that most of our students can swim 200m, a fact of which we are proud. We believe that in the environment that our children live i.e. being close to water, it is important that swimming is taught. We ask that you make sure your child comes to school ready for swimming on a Thursday with their togs. Ka kite ano

Casual Vacancy for an Elected Trustee

A casual vacancy has occurred on the Board of Trustees for an elected parent representative as Kristy Demmers has resigned and relocated to Brisbane, Australia. The Board has resolved under section 105 of the Education Act 1989 to fill the vacancy by selection. If ten per cent or more of eligible voters on the school roll ask the board, within 28 days of this notice being published, to hold a by-election to fill the vacancy, then a by-election will be held. Any eligible voter who wishes to ask the board to hold a by-election should write to:
Ruth Ballantyne
Chairperson
Board of Trustees
Port Chalmers School
30a Albertson Ave
Port Chalmers
DUNEDIN 9023
By: February 28th 2012

Health Snippet

Wet pants worry

Many parents worry about their new entrant children having wetting accidents at school. If your child sometimes or frequently wets during the day, it is important to inform the teacher so a plan can be put in place to deal with it at school. Sometimes children will have accidents when they first start school, just because they are nervous, and are not yet familiar with the new environment and new routines. This is normal and will resolve itself very quickly. If you are worried about your child's wetting (or soiling) you can contact your public health nurse, GP, or look up www.continence.org.nz
The public health nurse for your school is: Natasha Rodger Phone number: 03 476 9811

Port Chalmers Swim Club Junior 'Try'athlon

Tuesday 21st Feb 2012, Cancellation date 23rd Feb
Registrations 5pm at Port Chalmers Swimming Pool
First race 6pm.

5-7 year olds:

Bike 1 lap around rugby field (400m), run ¾ lap around avenue (400m),
Swim 3 widths (30m)

8-10 year olds:

Bike 2 laps around rugby field (1km) run 2 laps around avenue (1km)
Swim 2 lengths (60m)

11-14 year olds:

Bike 4 laps around rugby field (2km) run 2 laps around avenue (1km)
Swim 5 lengths (150m)
Cost \$10.00 per person. Team or Individual, Entries forms available Port Chalmers Pool and Moana Pool. Entries close 18th Feb.
No entries on the day. Contact Person: Licia Mihaka 4728384

The Lunacycle



☺ Caught Doing Great Learning In Week 3 ☺	
Art Chrystal Rm 2	Home Learning Maria Rm 3 Grace Rm 3 Taysha Rm 3 Lydia Rm 3 Katie Rm 3 Rawinia Rm 3 Jasper Rm 3 Amy Rm 3 Mikey Rm 3 Tamzin Rm 3 Libby Rm 3
Learning Log Joe Rm 7 Simon Rm 7 Liam Rm 7 Ava Rm 7	
Writing Rocky Rm 5	
Handwriting Ollie Rm 5 Ally-May Rm 5	

Year 7 & 8 Camp Raffle

We are going to hold a raffle to raise money for camp. All donations of food (non-Perishable) toiletries, and useful small household items etc. These can be left at the office. Home baking, closer to draw time, would also be appreciated. Please talk to Mr Roddick if you have items that might be suitable i.e firewood, unwanted gifts etc. Many thanks, Year 7 & 8 Pupils



Tuesday Lunches

(Please note change of day)

These lunches cost \$3.00 with a choice of Nachos, Macaroni Cheese, Pizza or Spaghetti Bolognaise. Please supply correct amounts of money and a fork needs to be supplied from home as we do not have a supply here at school.

Swimming

Thursdays until the 29 th March	
Room 8	10:00 – 10.30 am
Room 4	10.30 – 11.00am
Rooms 2 – 3	11.00 - 12pm
Room 5	1:30 – 2.00pm
Room 7	2:15 - 2.45pm

Calendar of Events

Thursday 23 Feb	Art Gallery Visit Rm 8 12.15pm
Friday 24 Feb	Art Gallery Visit Rm 7 10.15am
Monday 27 Feb	Art Gallery Visit Rm 3 10.15am Art Gallery Visit Rm 2 12.15pm
Tuesday 28 Feb	Art Gallery Visit Rm 5 10.15am Art Gallery Visit Rm 4 12.15pm
Wednesday 29 Feb	Sausage Sizzle
Thursday 8 March	School Swimming Sports
Tuesday 13 March	Goal Setting Conferences 3.30pm – 7pm
Thursday 15 March	Goal Setting Conferences 3.30pm – 7pm
Wed 21 March	El Grego Magic Show
Monday 26 March	Anniversary Day School Closed
Wednesday 28 March	Sausage Sizzle
Sunday 1 April	Yr. 7 & 8 Camp leaving
Thursday 5 April	Yr. 7 & 8 Camp Returns
Thursday 5 April	Last Day of Term

Boating

Tuesday 21 Feb	Juniors 1pm
Tuesday 28 Feb	Seniors 9.30am
Tuesday 6 March	Juniors 1pm
Thursday 8 March	Seniors 1pm
Tuesday 20 March	Seniors 1pm
Thursday 22 March	Juniors 1pm

Assembly Timetable

17 February	Room 2
24 February	Room 3
2 March	Room 7
9 March	Room 8
16 March	Room 5
23 March	Room 4
30 March	Talent Assembly

Vicki Nicolson

Principal

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